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After having spent years of my professional career mired in the frustration and problems created by Microsoft's business practices, I hope that the settlement between Microsoft and the DOJ reaps true benefits.

The sad fact of the matter is that Microsoft's sole purpose of actions in the past few years have been solely to maintain a monopoly. Again and again, actual innovation, progress, and quality was throw to the wayside in favor of profits.

The US Government, in it's wisdom at the turn of the century, realized that a monopoly's only purpose was to make money, and did not have the beneficial effect that the free market creates.

I do not, for the slightest bit, feel that Microsoft has shown a hit of remorse in this case. It is blatantly a monopoly. A fact painfully know by those in a tech world. As I look over the details of the Proposed Final Judgement I see many a loophole that it would very happy and flagrantly use to continue it's poor practices.

The definitions of Windows and such terms as API are INCREDIBLY limiting. And even if the judgement is ammended to be appropriately broad, I am sure that Microsoft will invent or tease some technical excuse to change a name and make it different.

The fact of the matter is as long as Windows maintains a closed grip on it's Application interfaces to the OSes there will be no competition. The monopoly base needs to be broken at it's heart. Windows should be made an open source product, including it's API. Microsoft can more than healthily compete as an Applications manufacturer.

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